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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for response to examiner's action mailed November 19, 1997, be extended for three months to and including May 19, 1998.

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Respectfully submitted,

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